

by the Territory, whereupon title to said property shall vest in the United States: *Provided, however*, That the United States shall make just compensation for the acquisition of title to any personal property acquired by the Territory without Federal aid and for any new facilities provided by the Territory without Federal aid which are not in the nature of improvements to or replacements of existing structures.

Approved June 5, 1952.

Public Law 378

CHAPTER 372

AN ACT

To amend section 32 (a) (2) of the Trading With the Enemy Act.

June 6, 1952
[S. 302]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the third proviso in subdivision (D) of paragraph (2) of section 32 (a) of the Trading With the Enemy Act, as amended, is amended to read as follows: "*And provided further*, That the aggregate book value of returns made pursuant to the foregoing proviso shall not exceed \$9,000,000; and any return under such proviso may be made if the book value of any such return, taken together with the aggregate book value of returns already made under such proviso does not exceed \$9,000,000; and for the purposes of this proviso the term 'book value' means the value, as of the time of vesting, entered on the books of the Alien Property Custodian for the purpose of accounting for the property or interest involved;"

Approved June 6, 1952.

Property valuation.

60 Stat. 51; 64 Stat. 1080.
50 USC app., 32.

Public Law 379

CHAPTER 373

AN ACT

Relating to the manner of appointment of the Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia, the deputy recorders, and the employees of the Office of Recorder, and for other purposes.

June 9, 1952
[S. 2871]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 548 of the Code of Laws for the District of Columbia (D. C. Code, sec. 45-701) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 548. APPOINTMENT AND DUTIES.—There shall be a Recorder of Deeds of the District, appointed by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, who shall record all deeds, contracts, and other instruments in writing affecting the title or ownership of any real estate or personal property in the District which shall have been duly acknowledged and certified, and who shall perform all requisite services connected therewith, and shall have charge and custody of all the records, papers, and property appertaining to his office. No person shall be appointed Recorder of Deeds unless he has been a resident of the District of Columbia for at least five years next preceding his appointment."

SEC. 2. Section 549 of the Code of Laws for the District of Columbia (D. C. Code, sec. 45-702) is amended by inserting after "deputy recorder" the following: "in accordance with the civil-service laws and regulations and to fix his compensation in accordance with the Classification Act of 1949".

SEC. 3. The Act of March 3, 1925 (D. C. Code, sec. 45-703), is amended to read as follows: "That the Recorder of Deeds is author-

Recorder of Deeds, D.C.

31 Stat. 1275.

Deputy.

63 Stat. 954.
5 USC 1071 note.

Second deputy.

Civil-service
status of employ-
ees.

ized to appoint a second deputy recorder in accordance with the civil-service laws and regulations and to fix his compensation in accordance with the Classification Act of 1949. The second deputy recorder may do and perform any and all acts which the Recorder is authorized to do, and all such acts by the second deputy recorder shall have the same legality, force, and effect as if performed by the Recorder. The Recorder of Deeds shall appoint all other employees of his office in accordance with the civil-service laws and regulations and fix their compensation in accordance with the Classification Act of 1949. The number of such employees shall not be in excess of the number actually necessary for the proper conduct of his office."

SEC. 4. The Civil Service Commission shall confer a competitive civil-service status upon those employees of the office of the Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia performing service in such office on the date of enactment of this Act who are citizens of the United States, and who, within six months after the date of enactment of this Act, are certified by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, upon recommendation of the Recorder of Deeds, (1) as having been appointed from among the highest available eligibles from an appropriate register of the Civil Service Commission or (2) as having rendered active service in the office of the Recorder of Deeds prior to the date of enactment of this Act, and who qualify in such appropriate noncompetitive examinations as the Civil Service Commission may prescribe. Any employee in the office of Recorder of Deeds who fails to meet the requirements prescribed by this section, or who is not certified by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, or who fails to take or pass the noncompetitive examination prescribed by the Civil Service Commission, may continue to serve for a period of not more than thirty days after the end of such six-month period or after the establishment of appropriate registers, whichever is the earlier.

Approved June 9, 1952.

Public Law 380

CHAPTER 374

AN ACT

June 9, 1952
[H. R. 4801]

To enable the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii to authorize the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of Honolulu to issue certain bonds for flood-control purposes.

Honolulu, T.H.
Flood-control
bonds.

31 Stat. 141; 42
Stat. 108.
48 USC 678.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii, notwithstanding any provision of the Hawaiian Organic Act to the contrary, may authorize the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of Honolulu to issue general obligation bonds in the sum of \$1,000,000 for flood control and related purposes.

SEC. 2. The bonds issued under authority of this Act may be either term or serial bonds, maturing, in the case of term bonds, not later than thirty years from the date of issue thereof, and, in the case of serial bonds, payable in substantially equal annual installments, the first installment to mature not later than five years and the last installment to mature not less than thirty years from the date of such issue. Such bonds may be issued without the approval of the President of the United States.

SEC. 3. Act 204 of the Session Laws of Hawaii, 1951, pertaining to the issuance of public improvement bonds, as authorized by this Act, is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Approved June 9, 1952.